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SUBJECT: ASSAGO SITREP

REF: BERNAL/ELDER TELCON, JUNE 25

1. AIRCRAFT. THE BELL 206 WHICH MADE A HARD LANDING AT ACAPULCO ON JUNE 16 HAS BEEN TRUCKED TO MEXICO AND REPAIRS ARE UNDERWAY. ESTIMATED COSTS, INCLUDING A NEW TAIL BOOM, ARE \$30,000. THE BELL 212 WHICH ALSO MADE A HARD LANDING AT CULIACAN JUNE 16 IS STILL AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO MEXICO. BELL TEAM INSPECTOR ESTIMATES THAT IF ENGINE MOUNTS ARE NOT TWISTED AND NO JIGS ARE REQUIRED, REPAIRS, INCLUDING NEW TAIL BOOM, WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 OF EXISTING INVENTORY, ONLY THREE BELL 206S AND 2 BELL 212S ARE IN AN UP STATUS.

2. HANGAR. SITE FOR NEW HANGAR HAS BEEN SURVEYED AND GROUND BREAKING OCCURRED AT 0900 25 JUNE. ESTIMATED TIME OF COMPLETION IS JAN 1976.

3. MAINTENANCE. THE QUESTION OF FUNDING FOR CRASH DAMAGE REPAIRS MUST BE ADDRESSED. PRESENT CONTRACT WITH BHC DOES NOT INCLUDE A SUFFICIENT BUDGET FOR SUCH

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REPAIRS. AFTER DETAILED REPAIR COSTS ARE ESTIMATED,

SUGGEST AN AMENDMENT TO PIO/T 6558041 TO COVER JUNE
CRASH DAMAGES. UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING FUTURE
CRASH DAMAGE REPAIRS MUST BE EXPECTED AND BUDGETED FOR
ACCORDINGLY.

4. PERSONNEL: COUNTERPARTS FOR BELL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE
ALL BEEN ASSIGNED AND NOTIFIED IN WRITING. IN ADDITION
14 PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SHOPS NOW EVOLVING.

5. SHOPS: THE SECTIONS OF STEEL FENCING TO ESTABLISH
THE SHOP AREA OF THE EXISTING HANGAR HAVE ALL BEEN COM-
PLETED AND WILL BE POSITIONED BY 28 JUNE. THE FIRST
PIECES OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHOPS ARRIVED ON 24 JUNE AND
WILL BE PLACED IN OPERATION DURING THE WEEK OF 30 JUNE.
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